

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2004/012926 have been canceled, and new claims 9-16 have been added to adapt the claims of the underlying international application to U.S. practice. Appropriate amendments were made to the specification and abstract for the same purpose. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

We herewith enclose a redline version and a substitute specification showing the above amendments to the specification and abstract.

In view of the above amendment, applicant respectfully requests the issuance of a prompt and favorable Official Action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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